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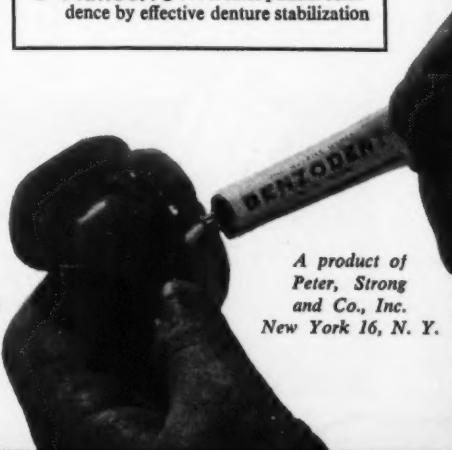
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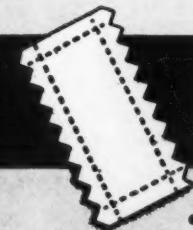
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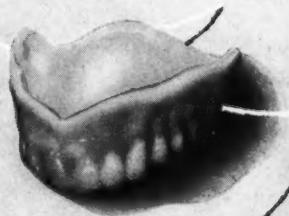


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THE *President's* PAGE

Dear ADAA Members:

With the knowledge that this is the last message I will have the opportunity to send to you through the President's page there are many thoughts that occur to me, and it seems most difficult to find words that are adequate to express my feelings at this point.

To say that I am proud of the work done by my fellow Officers, our Trustees and Committees does not half tell the story of cooperation and loyalty of these girls in their service to the association. If you have taken note of all the helpful material that has been prepared and sent to your societies, and if you have carefully and thoughtfully read each issue of the "Dental Assistant," you too, are aware of the efforts that have been made for progress in our association.

At the time many of you attended your state meetings, I am sure your officers and members discussed the proposed amendment to our By-Laws changing the amount of our annual dues. When you have read "Your 16 2/3 Cents Can Do It" by Harriett Darling, ADAA Treasurer, in the July-August issue, and when you read "A Past President Speaks"—by Mary Haney, Past President, and "Lady, Can You Spare a Penny!" by Janet Lindenberg, Contributing Editor, expressing her views as a member-at-large, in this issue you will surely understand the need for this increase if our association is to continue its progress in the future.

This year has passed very quickly and has been filled with wonderful experiences that have left a deep and lasting sense of gratitude for your loyalty and friendship.

My sincere thanks to the Board of Trustees, to the Committees, to the ADAA Certification Board, to the Journal Staff, and to our Central Office Staff for work well done. My thanks also to the State and Local Officers and to the membership-at-large for their cooperation throughout the year.

As I leave the presidency, I am confident that each of you will continue to use every OPPORTUNITY to further the objectives of our association.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the thirty-second annual ADAA meeting in Atlantic City, N. J.

Most Sincerely,

BESSIE L. PETERSON, President

Welcome To Our Port



The New Jersey Dental Assistants Association invites you to "Set Sail for Atlantic City." Pull up the gangplank, and shove off in time to anchor for September 30 through October 4.

To the Captain, Mates, Sailors and Passengers we extend best wishes for a happy voyage. May you cruise over the waters and arrive safely at our shores for a pleasurable stay.

Our beaches will be lined with a fresh catch of fish and we will be waiting to welcome you.

We hope this shore leave will be one you will long remember.

Bon Voyage,
CORINNE M. KERNES, President
New Jersey Dental Assistants Association.

NEWS RELEASE*

DENTAL ASSISTANTS WIN HONORS IN NATIONAL LIMERICK CONTEST

Among the 15,000 entrants in the national limerick contest sponsored by the Budget Uniform Center, Philadelphia, for "Girls Who Wear White to Work" were dental assistants, home economists, beauticians and waitresses in addition to the nurses, therapists and students who competed for the prize winning, all expenses paid tour of Europe for two.

Other prizes included 10 complete uniform wardrobes for second prize and the choice of any uniform listed in the Bud-

get catalog for the 50 third prize winners. Winners represented 25 states, the District of Columbia and Alaska.

Although a California nurse, Mrs. Gertrude Barrett, claimed first prize, among the winners were the following dental assistants:

Mrs. Julia B. Bence, Abbeville, Alabama—3rd Prize.

Mrs. Carol Chaffee, East Liverpool, Ohio—3rd Prize.

Mrs. Tony Durante, Knoxville, Tennessee—3rd Prize.

*From the publicity department of Lavenson Bureau of Advertising, Philadelphia, Pa.

Condensed Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 29, 1956

Morning . . . 9:00 Board of Trustees Meeting, Mirror Room
9:00 Examination for Certification
Afternoon . . 4:00
to
9:00 Registration, Main Lobby
Evening . . . 7:00 Annual Dinner, Board of Trustees

Sunday, September 30, 1956

Morning . . . 9:00 Registration, Main Lobby
9:00 Board of Trustees Meeting, Mirror Room
Afternoon . . 4:00
to
6:00 Harvest Tea, Kerry Hall

Monday, October 1, 1956

Morning . . . 8:00 Registration, Main Lobby
9:00 General Session, Grand Ball Room
Afternoon . . 1:00 Registration, Main Lobby
2:00 House of Delegates, First Session, Grand Ball Room
3:30 A.D.A.A. Clinics, Card Room

Tuesday, October 2, 1956

Morning . . . 8:00 Registration, Main Lobby
9:00 Clinics with A.D.A., Convention Hall
Afternoon . . 1:00 Registration, Main Lobby
2:00 House of Delegates, Second Session, Grand Ball Room
Evening . . . 7:00 American Beauty Banquet, Honoring President
Bessie Peterson, Grand Ball Room

Wednesday, October 3, 1956

Morning . . . 8:00 Registration, Main Lobby
9:00 Official Roll Call, Grand Ball Room
10:30 Panel Discussion, Grand Ball Room
Topic: The Importance of Education to the Dental Assistant
Moderator: Dr. Shaile Peterson, Secretary,
Council on Dental Education, American
Dental Association, Chicago, Illinois

12:00 Balloting, Brady Room

Afternoon . . 12:30 Board of Trustees Meeting, Card Room
2:00 Registration, Main Lobby
3:00 House of Delegates, Third Session, Grand Ball Room

Thursday, October 4, 1956

Morning . . . 9:00 House of Delegates, Fourth Session, Grand Ball Room
Presentation of Trophies
Installation of Officers
11:30 Board of Trustees Meeting
Retiring and Elected Board Members



Psychic Powers or Good Guessing?

Snoopy Sal has been at it again. It seems she has been doing some more calling on psychic forces to find out what we are thinking about the forthcoming meeting of dental assistants from everywhere that is to take place in Atlantic City, N. J., October 1-4.

She sends us this story of a scene she conjured up in her imagination, which is likely pretty typical among dental assistants these days. It is a picture of a dental assistant from the west coast area doing a little thinking about whether or not she should go to Atlantic City for the Convention—asking herself questions and getting answers too!

This is the picture she described:

Assistant: I don't know whether I should go to Atlantic City or not.

Answer: Certainly you should go, you wouldn't miss it, would you??

Assistant: Of course, I want to go, but it is so far away, and will be so expensive.

Answer: Well, it is a long trip, and it will take a toll on your budget—perhaps mean you will have to "take it easy" for a while, but just think of what you will gain by going.

Assistant: What will I gain?

Answer: Why, lots of things—Education, Inspiration, Renewed Interest, and the fun of traveling. Travel broadens one, you know—(your mind I mean, of course).

Assistant: Education—how?

Answer: There will be excellent lectures to hear from outstanding speakers, clinics to view given by top-notch assistants, and just sitting in on the House of delegates' sessions will teach you much that you can use in your office in the association here at home.

Assistant: Inspiration, renewed interest—fun in traveling?

Answer: Inspiration from association with other women engaged in your vocation, an opportunity to make friendships that will enrich your life, an opportunity to become acquainted and identified with the national group, and an opportunity to go places and see things you haven't before. You can fit this trip into that fall vacation you've planned for so long. The convention is being held in one of America's famous resort and vacation cities, it isn't far to America's largest city, New York, or Washington, D. C., the nation's capital, or to beautiful New England, or you might even take a cruise from there. Isn't this within itself educational? Think how much better you will feel when you return home to the "daily grind" as you so often refer to it. Why surely your doctor will notice the improvement in your attitude toward your work, and the patients too—you will probably be more cheerful, more efficient and your value to the office might improve to the extent that the doctor will give you that raise you have been feeling you should get for some time. That might be the answer to financing your trip! And more about the money—there are many ways to travel, by bus, train or plane. Check with the travel bureau and figure out a means of travel that will fit your budget; check with other assistants from your area who will be going and try to arrange to join them—group reservations at the hotel can minimize this expense.

Assistant: But wait! WHAT WILL I WEAR? I can't afford new clothes and a trip too!

Answer: Oh! Oh! You are acting just like all other women, and dental assistants are supposed to be different—more ingenious than the average. Look in your closet—a little repair here—a new ornament, a flower, or collar will give this frock a "new look"—a touch here and there will put this suit in fine shape to help see you through those 4 days. And, oh! that formal you bought last fall and wore only twice, once to the Assistants' banquet in San Francisco and to that formal affair during the holidays, will be just fine for the American Beauty Banquet—(nobody will remember it for a year)—and that cocktail dress you bought for the last holiday season was so advanced in style it will be just right for a gay evening on the town. You will probably find the days warm enough to be comfortable in that new dark cotton you bought for your early fall days at home—and the sweaters and light wrap tucked away in moth balls will be just the thing for the cool evenings you might find. (Vogue says this is a season for sweaters). And by-the-way—DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR DENTAL ASSISTANTS PIN! Pin it on right over your heart, strut proudly down the boardwalk inhaling those ocean breezes—and be sure to watch for admiring glances from the sidelines!

Assistant: That does it—give me the telephone—"Operator, please give me the number of the California Travel Bureau."

"ATLANTIC CITY HERE I COME!"

Thanks Sal—you have convinced us that your psychic powers are terrific—but don't tell us any more, we like surprises too. You can stay at home, we won't need you snooping around in Atlantic City. Take a rest, and don't call us, we will call you—maybe next year.

P. S. If you haven't already done so—Book Your Bed—right away—hotel reservations are limited.

Why Wear an Emblem Pen?

Very soon you will be attending another ADAA Meeting. You probably are saying, "what will I wear?"

You will not be dressed properly unless you are wearing your ADAA Emblem Pin over your heart. Also, you won't be fully dressed unless you have a State Guard attached so every member you meet will know which state you represent. If you have been an officer you should be proud to wear the officer guards. This will encourage other members to buy and wear the Emblem Pin.

When you wear your ADAA Pin you are immediately identified as a member of the American Dental Assistants Association, and you are announcing to all who see you the aims and purposes of our association—EDUCATION, EFFICIENCY, LOYALTY and SERVICE.

If you do not have your Pin look for the Pin and Guard Display at the meeting in Atlantic City. Make up your mind which Guards you are eligible to wear so you will know which to order.

SEE YOU IN ATLANTIC CITY!

MERLE ANDREWS, *Chairman*
ADAA Pin Committee
1167 Illinois Ave. S.W.
Huron, South Dakota.

CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

The Oregon State Dental Assistants Association will hold an examination for Certification in Portland, Oregon, Saturday, September 22, 1956, at the new University of Oregon Dental School. Time will be announced at a later date.

Pre-Convention Report of the A.D.A.A. Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIVE A.D.A.A. OFFICES 1956 - 1957

For the office of PRESIDENT-ELECT:
MAGDALENE KULSTAD

Dental assistant—17 years. Member of

Member of Southern California and
Orange County Dental Assistants Associa-
tions.

Offices held in local: President, Sec-
retary, Parliamentarian.

Offices held in state: Recording Secre-
tary, 1st Vice President, President, Coun-
selor.

Offices held in ADAA: 1st Vice Presi-
dent, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice Presi-
dent.

Chairman of ADAA Committees: J.A.S.
Relief Fund, J.A.S. Scholarship Fund,
Public Relations.

For the office of FIRST VICE PRESI-
DENT: **ELMA TROUTMAN**

Dental assistant—13½ years. Member of
ADAA—12 years. Certified.

Member of Northern California and
San Francisco Dental Assistants Associa-
tions. (Former member of Ohio State
Dental Assistants Association.)

Offices held in local: Secretary, Vice
President, President.

Offices held in state: 1st Vice Presi-
dent, 2nd Vice President, President.

Offices held in ADAA: 3rd District
Trustee, General Secretary (2 years).

Chairman of ADAA Committees:
J.A.S. Birthday Party (2 years).

For the office of SECOND VICE PRESI-
DENT: **VIRGINIA I. HOFFMAN**

Dental assistant—24 years. Member of
ADAA—18 years. Certified.

Member of Pennsylvania State and
Pittsburgh Dental Assistants Associations.

Offices held in local: All offices.

Offices held in state: Organized Penn-
sylvania State.

Offices held in ADAA: 3rd District
Trustee (4 years), 3rd Vice President.

Chairman of ADAA Committees:
J.A.S. Scholarship.

Member of ADAA Committees: Edu-
cation (2 years), Membership, Public
Relations, Nominating.

For the office of THIRD VICE PRESI-
DENT: **MALVINA CUERIA**

Dental Assistant—28 years. Member of
ADAA—21 years. Certified.

Member of Louisiana State and New
Orleans Dental Assistants Associations.

Offices held in local: President, Secre-
tary.

Offices held in state: President.

Offices held in ADAA: 4th District
Trustee.

Chairman of ADAA Committees:
None.

Member of ADAA Committee: Trans-
portation, Pin.

For the office of GENERAL SECRE-
TARY: **JOY PHILLIPS**

Dental assistant—10½ years. Member of
ADAA—10 years. Certified.

Member of Arizona State and Phoenix
District Dental Assistants Associations.

Offices held in local: President, Secre-
tary.

Offices held in state: President, Secre-
tary-Treasurer, Editor of State Bulletin.

Offices held in ADAA: 3rd Vice Presi-
dent, 2nd Vice President.

Chairman of ADAA Committees:
J.A.S. Scholarship, J.A.S. Relief Fund.

Member of ADAA Committees: Edu-
cation (2 years), J.A.S. Birthday Party
(1 year). Chairman of Special ADAA
Committee to compile Parliamentary
Procedure Brochure.

For the office of TREASURER: **HAR-
RIETT DARLING** for re-election.

Dental assistant—25 years. Member of ADAA—16 years. Certified.

Member of South Dakota Dental Assistants Association and Huron Study Club.

Offices held in local: All offices.

Offices held in State: All offices.

Offices held in ADAA: 7th District Trustee, 3rd Vice President (2 years), General Secretary, Treasurer (3 years).

Chairman of ADAA Committees: Public Relations.

Nominations for Active Membership on the Certification Board

ORIETT CLARK

Dental Assistant—20½ years. Member of ADAA—20 years. Certified.

Member of Iowa State and Ames-Boone Dental Assistants Associations.

Offices held in local: President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Offices held in state: President, Treasurer, Trustee.

Chairman of State Education Committee: 2 years.

Member of State Examining Committee: Once.

Was certified without examination. Has taken Extension Study Course. Has not previously served as active member of ADACB.

LAVERNE RENFRO

Dental assistant—8 years. Member of ADAA—7 years. Certified.

Member of Michigan State Dental Assistants Association and Detroit Dental Assistants Society.

Offices held in local: Secretary, Vice President, President.

Offices held in state: Treasurer, President-Elect, President.

Chairman of State Education Committee: 1 year.

Member of Examining Committee: Three times.

Has taken Extension Study Course. Has not previously served as active member of ADACB.

Was a member of the Inspection Team of the University of Detroit Dental As-

sistants School.

HELEN SEARLES

Dental assistant—20 years. Member of ADAA—17 years. Certified.

Member of Rhode Island Dental Assistants Association.

Offices held in state: President (2 years).

Offices held in ADAA: Trustee of 1st District.

Chairman of ADAA Committees: Resolutions, Awards, Nominating.

Member of Examining Committee: Twice.

Chairman of State Education Committee: 1 year (member 6 years).

Was certified without examination. Has taken Extension Study Course. Has not previously served as active member of ADACB.

EDNA ZEDAKER

Dental Assistant—12 years. Member of ADAA—6 years. Certified.

Member of North Carolina and Charlotte Dental Assistants Associations.

Offices held in local: Treasurer (2 years), Vice President, President.

Offices held in state: President, President-Elect.

Chairman of State Education Committee: 5 years.

Member of Examining Committee: Three times.

Has taken Extension Study Course. Has not previously served as active member of ADACB.

In addition to the candidates from the ADAA membership for the Certification Board, it is required that a member of the Past Presidents Council be represented on this Board.

Additional nominations for all elective offices may be made from the floor of the House of Delegates. The written consent of the candidate and her qualifications must be presented with the nomination.

The Nominating Committee

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LAVETA LEHN, *Chairman*

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16. Mathilda Sheppard—90 Munn Ave., Bogata, N. J.
17. Ida Maglia—28 Franklin Place, Carl-

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3. Veronica Kuhlman—84 Manhattan Ave., Waldick, N. J.
4. Peggy Dougherty—704 Buck St., Millville, N. J.

BANQUET

Goldia Varga—Chairman, 24 Johnson Ave., Newark, N. J.

Irma Adams—Co-Chairman, 19 James St., Newark, N. J.

1. Eleanor Glass—342 5th Ave., Paterson, N. J.
2. Jane Reynolds—45 Church St., Montclair, N. J.
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About Your Eyes and Dentistry

By JEROME B. CONLOGUE, O.D.

The eyes of a dentist and his assistant, during office hours, are never truly at rest. Those who serve in a dental office are constantly viewing objects at a distance closer than twenty feet. The eye is only "at rest" when viewing objects at twenty feet or more.

If one carefully considers the visual problems of the dentist and dental assistant, it becomes quite apparent that the basic one is accommodation (focusing) for short distances. Related to this problem is the necessity of frequently changing the distance of fixation from intermediate distance to near, and from near to "not too far" distances. Because of the proximity of his daily tasks, in addition to excessive near point focusing, the dentist also has to cope with excessive demands on convergence. He must not only focus each eye for clear vision, but the two eyes must turn inward, fixating on his work in order to maintain single binocular vision.

The average working distance for a dentist is about 13 inches. This distance requires three powers of focusing for clear vision. In order to comfortably and efficiently perform duties at this distance, approximately three powers of focusing must be held in reserve. Therefore, he is actually bringing into play six powers. When one considers the focusing power and the turning power (convergence) the short working distance requires, special visual skills are demanded and also related visual problems are created.

In addition to the visual need above described, the dentist also usually keeps instruments, such as burs, mounted stones, etc., at a distance of fixation of 20 to 54 inches. All day the dentist and his assistant, for she too must carefully observe the progress of his work in order to properly assist him, make unusual seeing demands on their eyes.

It has been estimated that the average person makes 35,000 visual fixations a day. This normal daily seeing job is said to use as much energy as a person would walking fourteen miles. If this is true, the dentist and his assistant must preambulate visually forty or fifty miles a day. You must be tired from all that walking. Please be seated and I'll tell you more about these precious little orbits—your eyes.

The eye is mankind's only external portion of the brain. It is often called natures most magnificent work. For the purpose of simplifying comprehension, it is often compared to man's own creation—the camera.

The eye is truly a dynamic optical instrument. It is designed to project an image, in miniature, on its own photo-sensitive screen, the retina, of external objects from which light is radiated.

The projection of the image is the first step in the process of seeing. It amounts to bringing the outside world into the eye for exploration by the fingers of the retina. As a result of this exploration, pictures are sent into the further recesses

of the brain from which our interpretation is made. The clearer the image provided by the retina, the sharper the picture we receive from the world around us.

The formation of distinct images on the retina is accomplished by the refracting system, or dioptric mechanism of the eye. This system is principally comprised of the cornea (the transparent front area of the eye) which acts as a lens of fixed focusing power and the crystalline lens, located behind the pupil of the eye, of which the focusing power is alterable for seeing distances closer than twenty feet from the eye.

When the eye is viewing objects inside of twenty feet the crystalline lens is "at work". The dentist and his assistant, because of the nature of the near point seeing demands, have their eyes "at work" constantly. Unfortunately, the ability of the eye to "work" (focus), diminishes with the increase in age. When the eye's ability to focus has diminished to the place where clear vision cannot be achieved or comfortably maintained at the reading or near point distance, the condition is clinically termed presbyopia. Normally, we can expect this natural physiological manifestation to take place at forty-four or forty-five years of age. However, experience has shown that this may occur as early as forty or as late as fifty years of age.

If it were not for the optical aids developed through the years by ophthalmic manufacturers and techniques of prescribing these aids by the ophthalmic professions (optometrists and ophthalmologists), most dentists would be forced to retire from dentistry because of the visual handicap of presbyopia. This would be most unfortunate, for just when a dentist has developed his skill through years of experience, his mastery of the art and science of dentistry would be lost to his patients and his profession.

Fortunately, the correcting of presbyopia with special lenses, bifocals, trifocals, or other optical aids as loupes, etc., makes it possible for the dentist to pursue his

work efficiently and comfortably for the benefit of the dental welfare of his community and the progress of his profession.

The eyes need no help or only the assistance of regular spectacle correction until the onset of presbyopia which usually occurs shortly after one reaches forty years of age. Then a pair of near point glasses (reading glasses) or bifocals will bring the dentists and the dental assistants vision to 20/20 or 100% visual acuity for the critical working ranges of 20 to 54 inches. However, after fifty years of age the average dentist or assistant who wears only bifocals, suffers a loss of vision in the vital 20 to 54 inch range. Research has proven that the average vital vision loss experienced by bifocal wearers in the approximate 50 to 55 age group is 20.5% in the intermediate distance (18 to 54 inches). Those in the 52 to 57 age group lose 34.33%; in the 55 to 60 age group the loss is 41.6%; and those 59 to 64 years of age lose 51.9% of vision in the vital intermediate vision range.

If you or your dentist employer wear bifocals and you are over fifty, notice how frequently to see things clearly at arms length or a little farther, the chin goes up and you lean or hunch a little closer to the object under inspection. This action done literally hundreds of times a day in your office not only fatigues your eyes but also tires you in general.

The answer to this problem is a continuous vision lens or trifocal. The trifocal has a third segment placed just above the bifocal area which will restore clear comfortable vision for you and your dentist in the intermediate working area.

Your eye specialist can prescribe tailor-made multifocal lenses precisely to the visual focusing requirements of your work. He also can prescribe the size of the segments to cover adequately your working field of vision. In addition, the position of the trifocal segments can be placed so that you can see instruments on the tray, nearby shelf, table or cabinet

without moving your head in an awkward position. To see someone entering the office at a distance in front of you, merely raise your eyes. No head movement is necessary.

Professional people are generally careless about their eyes and their care. Dentists are no exception and we probably could include dental assistants. The dentist spends thousands of dollars on office equipment and instruments to best serve his patients and will neglect his eyes and struggle along with inadequate vision correction year after year.

I can think of no profession that requires keener eyesight or is more demanding visually than dentistry. You must work quickly, at times, glancing critically about your working area to select the proper instrument and back to the tooth under preparation, discerning color, margins of the cavities, discrepancies of fissures, sharpness and shape of instruments, etc.

In order to do this detailed work with visual comfort and efficiency, it requires not only 20/20 vision but functional vision assisted by the proper kind of lenses especially if you are over forty years of age.

The next time you visit your optometrist or ophthalmologist—and if you haven't for two years, I trust you will soon—be certain to tell him, if he doesn't ask you, about your working distance problems. Tell him if you sit or stand at

your work; describe the various positions in which your eyes must see; the different fixations and distances, vertical and horizontal, required of your vision, etc.

In regard to safety against injury to your eyes from flying metal, tooth fragments, bacteria, etc., you and your dentist should wear protective (window pane) glasses, even if your eyesight is perfect. These splattering particles can cause serious injury or infection to the eyes. I have never heard of a blind dentist or dental assistant.

Your eyes are of vital importance in your work. Stop and think of the exacting tasks your eyes are called up to supervise. Speed, often a critical ingredient in your work, is certainly directly related to your ability to see well. You may have visual difficulties such as poor depth perception, astigmatism, or faulty binocular vision. Your eyes may be compensating for these inadequacies so you think you are seeing properly. Yet, sometimes general fatigue, headaches, sleepiness when reading, go unrecognized as symptoms of your eyes needing attention and assistance.

As a dental assistant you recognize the importance and value of periodic oral examinations. "Clean your teeth three times a day, see you dentist twice a year." Very good advice. However, your eyes should have occasional attention, too. Dentures work fine, but artificial eyes—no!

Are Bosses People?

By CONSTANCE MACMURRAY

ARE BOSSES PEOPLE? Do they have any rights at all in our modern economy ... any real status in the employer-employee relationship? Or is the game of business just a one-sided affair, in which the secretary manages to take all, and the boss is relatively unimportant except as

the beneficent giver of the paycheck ... the eternal handouter of fringe benefits, bonuses, vacations, sick leave, pats on the back, etc., etc., etc.?

We were asked this rather cynical question the other day by a thoroughly nice young boss of our acquaintance, whose

present bitterness stems from a recent experience with his own secretary.

It seems he hired this girl straight out of high school, and proceeded to train her carefully and painstakingly in his successful and highly specialized business. She continued in his employ for nearly four years, during which time she learned to handle many details of the business independently and capably. In fact when he traveled about the State on business trips, she was able to assume responsibility and act quite ably in his absence.

He felt he was singularly fortunate in his choice of a secretary, and to show his appreciation he gave her substantial pay raises and frequent bonuses. He also saw to it that she took not two, but three weeks vacation with pay each summer, and on more than one occasion granted her extended sick leave also with pay. Altogether he was well pleased with the arrangement, and could have sworn that she was too.

And then the lightning struck! Last week his "perfect" secretary resigned to take a higher paying position in another city, and gave him exactly two days' notice before leaving.

Naturally it was impossible for him to hire another girl in so short a time, and so when she took off gaily and unceremoniously, she left an empty desk and a host of unperformed duties behind her. In a very real sense, the wheels of business ground to a temporary halt, and the boss was left holding the well-known bag.

As a result of this unethical behavior on the part of his erstwhile secretary, the boss has no alternative now but to stay close to the office for the next few weeks, hiring and breaking in a new Girl Friday. And this, incidentally, will mean a considerable loss of business, since he depends heavily on his out-of-town trips for orders.

Today this discriminated-against boss is boiling mad, and we can't say we blame him a bit. At this point he hates all women—secretaries in particular—and so

help him he's going to raise all his children up to hate 'em too!

In our opinion there are few tricks in the book as mean as this one. For a girl to just pick up and leave without notice, not knowing nor caring how the boss is going to weather the change-over, and giving no thought whatever to the inconvenience or actual loss he may suffer as a result, is not only callous and unkind... it's downright unethical.

It would be well for all of us to remember now and then that business, like marriage... and life itself, for that matter... is a question of give and take... on both sides. And it is vitally important to maintain this balance too, for if one side were to suddenly wake up and realize that it's doing all the giving and none of the receiving, an explosive situation might well develop that could blow everything sky high, and us with it.

There are certain well defined rules to this game of business, and if we expect the bosses to abide by them and be governed by them, the least we can do is to play fair too. Not the least of these rules is the one that says the secretary shall give sufficient notice (two weeks at the very least) before leaving to take another job, get married, or leave town... as the case may be.

Seldom, if ever, is there any excuse for leaving an employer in the lurch. No matter how eager your next employer may be to have you begin the new job, always remember he'll think a lot more of you, and have more confidence in you, if you insist upon giving your present boss the two weeks notice he's entitled to. Among other things, it's a good index to your character, and it will also give him a fair idea of what he, himself, can expect from you in the future.

So you gals who are planning to switch jobs... do your boss AND yourself a favor, and make the change in an ethical and orderly manner. Give your present employer at least two weeks notice before you take off, and if it's at all possible,

help him break in the new girl who comes in to take over your old job.

Your consideration will pay big dividends in the long run, for your conscience will be clear, your new boss will be impressed with you, and your old boss will be so pleased his references will reflect his pleasure.

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Editor's Note: The above article was clipped from the newspaper, *Miami Daily News*, of Miami, Florida, March 9, 1956, and sent to us by a former ADAA officer, Grace Robinson, who, although illness forces her to be confined

to her bed a great deal of the time, maintains her interest in the ADAA, reads the journal regularly, and occasionally sends us words of encouragement and cheerful greeting.

It appeared in Miss MacMurray's column, *Career Girl*, and we believe the bit of advice, the food for thought it provides can be directed advantageously to those of us engaged in the vocation of dental assisting. Permission to reprint it was granted by the Managing Editor of the *Miami Daily News* and Miss MacMurray, the author. Miss MacMurray stated in her conversation with Grace, that dental assistants hold a warm place in her heart, as her father was a Dental Surgeon, and maintained a practice in Chicago, Illinois, prior to his death some years ago.

From Central Office Wires

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TO ALL our many component societies which cooperated in holding elections during May or June, and promptly reported names of new officers for the 1956-1957 ADAA Directory of Officers; we wish to express our sincere thanks. This issue will be of greater value than formerly, because there will be fewer changes in it during the year.

TO THOSE few societies which failed us—we hope that now you understand one of the reasons for the request; and why we keep asking you to advise State and National Associations of changes in your officers.

NOT ONLY does it mean a more accurate Directory, but it means that the informative messages in the way of letters, bulletins, and brochures, sent out by Officers and Committees during the year, will reach the proper officers in the local societies, who will bring them to the attention of the entire group. The more closely the ADAA local societies work with the State Associations, and the State Associations with the ADAA, the greater progress will be made by the American Dental Assistants Association.

TO THOSE OF YOU who plan to attend the Atlantic City meeting, be sure to take your ADAA Membership card with you. If you are a Delegate or an Alternate, be sure to take your Credential Card as well as your Membership card. These bits of pasteboard will identify you to the Registration Committee, and enable them to register you without any problems or annoyance.

OCTOBER 31st is the last date on which 1956 ADAA Memberships can be accepted. Beginning with November 1st, dues received will be credited to 1957 memberships.

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What It Takes*

R. W. LEAVITT, D.D.S.

In Boston, Massachusetts in the year of 1947 the first ADAA Extension Study Courses were instituted to prepare dental assistants throughout the United States for an examination for Certification.

Since then some 4,000 have successfully completed and passed examinations; certainly a credit to you girls who so ably assist the dentist in his daily duties. There are approximately 55,000 dental assistants in the United States today, and when we consider that out of that number you are in the select 4,000, certainly you and the dentist that you assist can be justly proud.

The dental assistant who knows the *Why* of her countless tasks will experience real pleasure in performing those duties at exactly the right time and to the best of her ability. Knowledge of *Why* makes the *How* and *When* significant. Even the most elementary study of bacteriology will give added meaning to a sterilization technique. If we understand why we observe a special method of mixing amalgam, we will perform the task more successfully. A study of human relations will help us to understand why people behave the way they do and with that knowledge we will find ourselves more alert to meet the needs of the people with whom we deal. You graduates have proven yourselves to be possessed with the "why" knowledge.

Let us consider the basic qualities that will make the dental assistant better than average in any office.

1. Well-groomed appearance
2. Enthusiasm
3. Initiative
4. Loyalty
5. Smile and Diplomacy of a Hostess
6. Tenderness and Understanding of a Mother
7. Business Ability of a Secretary
8. Knowledge and Appreciation of Dentistry

9. Alertness of a Nurse
10. Ability of a Housekeeper
11. Good Health
12. Patience and Fortitude

WELL-GROOMED APPEARANCE . . .

Occasionally we meet someone who gives us the impression of harmony and pleasantness, and when the contact we have had with that person is ended, we become conscious that she possessed a particularly magnetic quality. Thus, it is a well-groomed person impresses us with her cleanliness and neatness, and yet we cannot, after her departure, recall an outstanding feature of her apparel. In other words, her appearance is the essence of harmony. Psychologists tell us that if we would improve ourselves we should study such persons, applying what we learn to our own attitude toward life.

One of the basic requirements for good appearance for either the assistant or the doctor is cleanliness. This includes, of course, clean teeth. It would be absurd for a dentist or assistant to try to discuss Oral Health when in his own mouth he has pathologic or neglected conditions. Every dentist and his employees should conscientiously follow a personal dental health program that will exemplify their belief in the importance of good dental service and Oral Health.

ENTHUSIASM . . .

Enthusiasm is the most contagious quality of any personality. The individual who is enthusiastic can lift another person's morale to great heights. Surely there is room for much enthusiasm on the part of the assistant, as she must stimulate most of the patients to a happier attitude toward dentistry and her office. Few, if any, patients come to a dental office with enthusiasm about having dental services rendered. Usually they come to a dental office for something which they consider a necessary evil. Moreover, they must pay for this

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experience, and they fall into a negative, rather than a pleasant attitude. Therefore, the assistant's pleasant and enthusiastic personality can be of tremendous value in making the patient happy. Emerson once said, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

INITIATIVE . . .

Initiative is a quality that greatly helps one to take the lead. The dental office assistant must be able to anticipate the needs of the doctor and of the office. This includes up-to-the-minute control of the appointment book, stimulation of collections, anticipating and meeting the doctors professional requirements for various operating procedures in advance.

LOYALTY . . .

The dental office assistant must be loyal to the profession and to her doctor at all times. Regardless of the trend of conversation outside of the office, she refrains from reference to the confidences of the office, such as cases, fees, or matters that are of personal interest to her employer. She will always speak well of the profession and do everything possible to create and maintain confidence in her doctor.

SMILE AND DIPLOMACY OF A HOSTESS

There are only two reasons for not smiling pleasantly when the occasion warrants it; a neglected mouth or an unfriendly mind. Neither of these should be the possession of the assistant. It takes 67 muscles to frown, whereas we just use six when we smile. Since none of us are anxious to "wear out our faces," let's plan to smile!

TENDERNESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF A MOTHER . . .

The "cold" attitude has no place in a dental office. Rather, a friendly, warm and sympathetic understanding should be given the patient of his fear and physical discomforts.

BUSINESS ABILITY OF A SECRETARY . . .

Although the secretarial duties of a dental office are not difficult they are

exacting. The bookkeeping system used is only as valuable as the detail and accuracy with which it is kept. Accuracy and thoroughness are a cardinal importance in the administration of the secretarial office.

KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF DENTISTRY . . .

A knowledge and appreciation of dentistry should be the aim of every good dental assistant. To be able to discuss dentistry intelligently with patients and educate when necessary will make work that much more interesting.

ALERTNESS OF A NURSE . . .

The assistant's duties as a nurse are as important as if she were assisting in hospital surgery and must be treated at all times with as much respect. While assisting with an operation, she has no time to reflect on what she was doing last night or what she plans to do tonight, because all her attention must be centered on the doctor's progress and on anticipation of his needs at that minute. She should be prepared for any emergency, even for the tragedy of her doctor collapsing at the chair. She must know what is to be done to dismiss the patient or to prevent any injury or harm to him because of unexpected termination of the operation.

In surgery it should be remembered that there is an opening, not only in the blood stream, but also into bone process. This means that keen attention must be given to sterilization of all instruments, gauzes and materials used in the operation, together, with maintaining a "chain of asepsis" during every operation.

ABILITY OF A HOUSEKEEPER . . .

As a dental assistant you have certain definite duties to perform that comes under the title of housekeeping. If one is a conscientious dental assistant, she will not allow her "position" to stand between her and what she knows ought to be done, no matter how distasteful the duties may seem. There is furniture to be dusted, chairs and units to be cleaned and polished, laboratories, cuspidors, in-

struments, trays, burrs, forceps, needles, syringes, ad infinitum. "Miss Necessary" is a capable girl in many ways, but I cannot overlook the absence of what I consider a most important requisite — namely, the ability of a good "house keeper."

GOOD HEALTH . . .

Good health is a desirable requisite for every person, whether in work or play, as we get more out of whatever we do if we enjoy normal good health. There are certain basic rules for maintaining good health and one of the first is a periodic physical checkup by a competent physician.

Eat such foods as are generally agreed to be basic for good health; and avoid the ones that are just as generally disapproved for good health. This business of dashing to a soda fountain for a minced something-or-other on white bread and a soft drink to wash it down is just not good sense, and those who diet on such luncheon menus invariably reflect it in action and appearance (or rather, a deficiency of both).

In following such basic, common-sense rules one may gain poise, stamina, self-confidence and a zest for living. How much better this is than having a discouraged and downhearted feeling about the very fact that one has the privilege of being alive and constructively occupied.

PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE . . .

Practice emotional control at all times, as there is no place in a dental office for the one who does not consider the "other fellow" and dogmatically flies "off the handle" whenever she becomes provoked about some annoying incident. Simply learn to count to ten, or walk into a room by yourself and silently take hold of your emotions so that you can intelligently analyze the situation. You may find then that it is not so one-sided as you may have thought.

CHAIR ASSISTANCE . . .

If the doctor informs the assistant that she can assist and should be at the chair

as much as possible, it is wise for her to spend as much time as possible at the chair. Here she will learn much of the procedure of operations and of dentistry in general. She should try to develop accuracy, speed and gracefulness. She should learn to think, plan, and execute.

There is always room "at the top" because so few are capable of accepting the responsibilities of being on top.

I suggest that you read a short article in the January-February, 1956, issue of the A.D.A.A. Journal by Jeanette Reed of Kansas City, "Those C.D.A. Hands."

You girls have, through your own efforts, become the trained hands so badly needed in the dental profession. Let me be the first to congratulate you—may your tribe increase.

ED. NOTE: Dr. Leavitt wishes to extend thanks and credit to G. Archanna Morrison, as he states, that most of the material for this address was taken from her book, "In The Dentists Office."

*Presented at a capping ceremony of the first group of assistants to be certified in Quincy, Illinois.

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It Can Be Done

By MIRA LINDEMAN, C. D. A.

Spring Lake, Michigan

The years 1954-55 will always be among the most thrilling in my life, for it was in these two years that I prepared for and successfully completed my certification examination. I feel that I should pass along my wonderful experience to other dental assistants, who perhaps feel that they can never fulfill that desire.

I had been working as an assistant only a few weeks when I knew that dentistry was my profession, too, but I felt very inadequate. Especially so when the Doctor would so kindly discuss some case with me, or when I would pick up a technical dental journal to read. I just simply did not understand what the Doctor was talking about, or what I was reading. When a patient asked my advice I was really most anxious to help, but how could I with no scientific knowledge? How could I educate without first being educated myself?

Obviously I needed the background that comes from formal education if I wanted to satisfy my naturally curious mind. I made some inquiries about this type of education and learned about the various methods of working toward certification. This, I knew, was for me!

Living in a small town where no study groups or formal education for dental assistants is available, I felt that my ambitions to become a certified dental assistant were opposed from all angles. Although I could meet the other requirements: membership in the American Dental Assistants, the required length of time of employment in an ethical dental office, I still needed that formal training and background in order to qualify for the certification examination. Since I am married and have a home to care for, in addition to my 8:30 to 5:30 job as a



MIRA LINDEMAN, C.D.A.

dental assistant to Dr. Russell J. Kamper here in Spring Lake, going away to take a course in an approved college was impossible.

Even though the Grand Rapids (Michigan) Society, to which I belong, planned to soon begin a 104 hour study course, I did not feel that I could possibly attend regularly, due to the rough winters we have here in Michigan (the worst storms would surely come on class night). No, that drive of 80 miles did not sound possible after a long day at work.

Just about the time I was beginning to feel completely defeated, rumors began flying about a correspondence course in dental assisting that was being set up. Apparently, Dr. John C. Brauer, Dean of the University of North Carolina School

of Dentistry, and a man possessing unusual organizational ability, aptly sensed the need of girls like myself and decided to do something about it. Not only did he sense the need of girls who desired improvement but also the need of the doctor, who never has time to teach his assistant all he would like her to know. Dr. Brauer, with the cooperation of the North Carolina Association, added to his numerous other accomplishments in dental education by instituting a correspondence course of dental assistants in the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry.

This course is designed for the dental assistant already employed and living in outlying areas where no other such education is offered. It is also desirable for the girl who is interested in a career of dental assisting, who would have access to a dental office and laboratory to take care of the practical phase of the course. The clinical and laboratory procedures are done in a dental office, under supervision.

Needless to say, I was among the first to enroll for the course. May I pause here to say that patience really has its own reward. After four years of waiting for this opportunity I was quite excited when I received the syllabus and other printed material from the University of North Carolina, which started me on the road to much satisfying study. However, I did not attempt to study the first week. It was the first correspondence course I had ever taken and, following the recommendation, I wanted to become thoroughly orientated before starting any assignments. I found that a definite schedule for study was indicated, and it would have to be done evenings and week-ends. This being a college level course would take some study, but nothing worthwhile ever comes easy and I could surely give up some worthless activities and replace them with this truly constructive work.

The course includes 25 lesson assignments, divided into three sections, namely:

Section A. Dental Office Management and Procedure.

Section B. Dental Science and Practice.

Section C. Laboratory and Clinical Materials and Procedures.

The student may do as much supplementary reading as she desires. I made good use of my doctor's library, as well as the text books that are recommended. The amount of research done depends on the student's previous knowledge, and the desire to learn more than is necessary.

Upon completion of the assignments, which were graded and returned to me for review, a supervised examination became the next step. One may take this at any nearby college, under supervision. My choice was to go directly to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and take the examination at the University. The trip was to also be my vacation for the year. It was an unforgettable experience to meet Dr. Brauer and his staff of instructors, who had also been my instructors during the course, and who had corrected the assignments and made helpful suggestions. Mary Henry, who is in charge of the Extension Bureau, proved to be as charming and hospitable as her letters. No student has even been given a more heart warming welcome than I was given at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry. All this, plus the fact that I was the first assistant to take the examination at the school, made my trip complete, indeed.

North Carolina can be justly proud of its new School of Dentistry. They have included in it everything known to modern science. I left the school with one thing deeply impressed on my mind; that those dental students, who go through more concentrated study than any other profession, certainly deserve to have a properly trained assistant with sufficient scientific knowledge to work with them when they enter their own practices.

I truly believe that with the increasing number of well educated dentists and certified dental assistants we shall in time have a very high rate of "dental intelligence." I join many other certified dental

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assistants in thanking Dean Brauer for his part in making this education for dental assistants available. This, added to other progress in dental education, will within itself make dentistry a more

pleasant experience from the patient's standpoint as well.

To you assistants who are dreaming about certification—Don't dream any longer—It Can Be Done.

Stop!! Look at your Appearance

By BETTY ADKINS, Dothan, Alabama

Have you ever stopped and looked at yourself in the mirror, really looked? Do you see yourself as the other fellow sees you, as you really are? If you haven't why don't you? Start at the top of your head and go to the bottom of your feet.

Look at your hair, is it long and stringy, always falling in your face? Is it clean? Is your cap straight, is it clean? Does your make-up make you look like a show girl? Do you have a smile on your face? Is your uniform neat and clean and a correct style for you? Are your hands clean, your nails the correct length, and without bright polish? Are your hose clean, seams straight? Do they have runs, are they baggy? Is your pink slip showing? Have you polished your shoes today? Did you wash your shoe strings? Are they broken? Do you refuse to buy new shoes, because the old ones are so comfortable?

Mr. Webster tells us appearance means manner of appearing, the external show of pretense. Let us think for a moment about Mr. Webster's definition, about the way it pertains to us. Your hair should be kept in a well groomed style, and most certainly it should be clean. Your cap should be clean, starched very stiff and straight on your head, using white pins to hold it in place. In applying make-up always be conservative, using light tones and saving those darker

shades for evening wear. Never let your make-up be so obvious that you look like a show girl.

Not only should your uniform be neat and clean, it should be a correct style for you. If you are a small thin person you should wear gathers or pleats. If you are a little overweight, you should wear a tailored uniform. By all means your hands should be clean, your nails short without bright polish.

Psychiatrists tell us that red is a good color for dresses, hats, shoes and pills, but not for a dentist's or physician's offices. If you wish to wear nail polish, you should choose natural or clear. Your hose must be clean, seams straight, no runs and should not be baggy. We should never wear a pink slip and most certainly it should not be showing. Never wear dirty broken shoe strings. Our shoes should always be sparkling white, tattle-tale gray is not very fashionable this season. Never abuse your feet. Toe nails should be cut straight across. Have you ever had an ingrowing toe nail and tried to smile at a patient?

Shoes should have suitable arch supports and styled befitting to our profession, not the style of a teenage boy!

"This paper is fitting to me, also to you, we know better than we do."

(Presented at the meeting of the Alabama Dental Assistants Assn., 1956.)

A Past President Speaks . . .

ON THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN A.D.A.A. DUES

By MARY HANEY

In the last issue of the journal an illustrated story, and a word story, written by the ADAA Treasurer, Harriett Darling, gave us detailed information and clearly explained why an increase in ADAA dues is recommended.

As a member who has watched the association grow from infancy, who is a Past President, and presently serving on the ADAA Budget and Finance Committee, may I express my thoughts on the proposal?

The prestige we are enjoying, and the recognition we are receiving today as an association, hasn't been gained without many sacrifices on the part of the Officers who served in our formative and early years of existence. Those pioneers pooled what resources they had to carry on the affairs of the association, and the only reward those dedicated women hoped for was continued progress and a plan for formal training for the dental assistants of tomorrow. And today, thirty-one years later, we are operating on just three dollars more per member than we did in 1924.

When we stop and reflect on how many more services we receive for our dues dollars, and all the cost increases since 1924, it isn't surprising that the auditors who examine our accounts and expenditures are unable to understand how we can maintain a central office with a staff of trained personnel, publish an official journal, and finance annual meetings on the present dues.

We know that our Officers, Trustees and other, who are working for the advancement of dental assistants are still making sacrifices by spending their own money for their necessary expenses. Recently there have been requests for a larger allowance for Trustees. This is a good indication that some of you realize how expensive it is for your Trustee to attend all the meetings in her district where the mileage is great and the smaller local and state societies are not financially able to contribute toward her expenses. Usually these are the districts where the Trustee is most needed, and we agree that she should be given more help, but our limited cash simply will not allow it.

Our journal, the heart of our association, may have to sacrifice considerable revenue in advertising due to an advisable change in policy. When that time comes we must be prepared to furnish the financial assistance necessary to keep it in the top bracket in which it was recently judged by experts at a meeting of dental editors.

We should be prepared to bear whatever expense may be ours for participation in the program sponsored by the ADA Council on Dental Education. THIS IS THE GOAL WE HAVE BEEN REACHING FOR—the door of OPPORTUNITY is being opened to us. Will we close it by refusing to vote for this small increase in dues?

Your Officers will continue to carry out the policies you dictate through your delegates; the Budget and Finance Committee will continue to supervise the financial affairs of the association with the primary thought that any spending shall promote the objectives of the association.

After careful study of the proposal to increase dues, I recommend that it be approved, but the ADAA is your association—it's up to you.

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EDITORIAL

LOYALTY IN ACTION

I wonder how many of us have really read the four words inscribed on our dental assistants pin?

This morning as I was attaching my pin to my uniform those four words—Education—Efficiency—Loyalty—Service—seemed to take on greater meaning to me than ever before. The word, Loyalty, however, seemed to stand apart from the other three. As I sat for a few minutes pondering the real meaning of this word, and doing some soul searching, many thoughts came to my mind.

When we took our dental assistants pledge we promised to be loyal to the profession, to our employer, to our patients, and to our fellow members. As my actions since taking this pledge passed in review in my mind, it was the latter, loyalty to my fellow members, that I questioned and wondered if I could sincerely boast of a passing score on this at all times. And it is my thoughts on this part of our pledge that I wish to share with you.

It occurred to me that every single member, their efforts and behavior is what makes up our local societies, which in turn make up our ADAA. It is through the efforts of individual members, past and present, that we have an organization which has done much toward raising the standards of the dental assistant. Had it not been for the loyalty and service, and may I add some kindred words—unity and friendliness—that existed among our members in the early days of our organization we would still be pioneering. With this rich heritage, can we as individual members give too much serious thought to continuing not only to maintain these standards but to strive to improve upon them if possible? I do not think we can.

How can we do this?

By making certain that prospective and new members do not find discord and dissension among our group; by extending a sincere and friendly welcome to every dental assistant with whom we come in contact; by welcoming assistants, member or non-member, who visit our meetings; by making certain she is introduced to the officers and the entire group; by not being guilty of placing personality above capability. Perhaps this has been brought forcibly to my attention, due to an opportunity some months past to visit at various association meetings across the country. I was shocked to realize that I might have been guilty of the same neglect of visitors that I was experiencing as a visitor elsewhere. I realized that the little in-harmony that I had known to exist in my own society from time to time would have been greatly magnified had I sensed it as a visitor in another group. It impressed

upon my mind the fact that an occasional renewal of our pledge can be a very effective means of keeping us on the right track.

As I finished attaching my pin to my crisp white uniform and changed from street clothes into it—my professional attire for my day's duties—I paused to utter a prayer that throughout the day and the days to come I might render my SERVICE with EFFICIENCY and LOYALTY, and that I would always remember to be grateful for the opportunity for EDUCATION in dental assisting my ADAA membership has made available to me.

Our organization will continue to grow and expand its scope only if every single individual member strives toward putting loyalty into action daily.

BERNA JANE PRINDIVILLE
Guest contributor

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LADY, Can You Spare A Penny?



It is my firm conviction that most of us are bargain hunters at heart. We read the newspaper advertisements, watch TV, search through the stores, and keep our ears tuned to a friend's conversation about "special buys and bargains." We rush to the shops when we hear about a sale, and usually discover there are many others, like us, who are already lined up at the bargain counter. We fight our way through crowds, come out weary and in a disheveled state, but thoroughly happy in the knowledge that within the package we tightly clutch is a **BARGAIN!** Yet, I wonder how many of us fail to realize that one of the biggest bargains of any year is ours without searching for it. Maybe we have overlooked it, and fail to appreciate it, because we didn't have to stand in line or elbow our way through crowds to get it. Yes, the bargain I am referring to is our yearly membership dues in the American Dental Assistants Association. One that many of us have been enjoying for some time, and that has been costing us only a very little over one cent per day per person!

Have you ever really thought about it—for the price of less than that of a postage stamp, for much less than the price of our daily paper, we have been receiving the following benefits:

- a. Educational advantages through carefully planned study courses.
- b. Regular bulletins, brochures, and an excellent journal, which keep us informed on methods and techniques, etc., in every phase of dental assist-

ing and association activity.

- c. An opportunity to attend local, state and national meetings, where we can view clinics and demonstrations and hear lectures that assist us and inform us in our duties as assistants.
- d. Potential participation as an administrative leader in the association, which develops poise and leadership ability.
- e. Recognition as an individual, and as groups, in a profession that renders an important health service.
- f. Opportunity to develop friendships on a local, state, national, and even international level. And many other indefinable, but worthwhile advantages.

Probably the most significant recognition of our efforts came within the past year when the ADA Council on Dental Education arranged conferences, which included Deans from many of the leading dental colleges, to discuss the possibility of setting-up courses in dental schools and elsewhere for dental assistants, throughout the United States. This is a step forward in a program that has been our objective since the beginning of the ADAA, and is the result of the efforts of our leaders, past and present, in our behalf.

When I review the above advantages and the opportunities made available to me, for the small amount I invest yearly for my membership dues in the ADAA, I can only say, "I wish I could be certain that every penny I spend daily would bring me so much in return."

Now we are informed that the ADAA

Board of Trustees have decided that the time has come when they must, of necessity, recommend an increase in dues from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per year. In the previous issue of THE JOURNAL we were given the complete story in picture and in words of why this action is deemed necessary. You can be sure this decision was reached only after much serious thought, purse searching and association budgeting on the part of the conscientious members of the ADAA Budget and Finance Committee. You have certainly read the facts, and no doubt are already convinced, as am I, of the importance and necessity of supporting this recommendation. But, if I may, I would like to add these thoughts—When we consider the fact that the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the shows we see, the trips we make, and in fact everything we buy has practically doubled and tripled in cost these post-war years, we can easily understand why the operating expenses of the ADAA have also increased. Surely the benefits we are receiving presently, and those we can expect to receive in the future by this meager addition to our already small investment, make our dues a colossal bargain!

Personally, I view the recommendation for the increase as an OPPORTUNITY, rather than as a burden. It offers me an opportunity to further my education in dental assisting, and will provide a broader, more adequate, service to my local and state association. An opportunity and services that I can not afford to pass up.

I sincerely hope the House of Delegates of the ADAA will vote unanimously in favor of this recommendation when it is presented to them in Atlantic City. Remember, the cost per member will be less than one additional cent per day, or approximately 16½ cents per month beginning November 1, 1957. Delegates, think it over carefully. Vote For, not AGAINST, progress in our ADAA.

I can certainly arrange to spare another penny, can't you?

JANET LINDENBERG*
Contributing Editor

*Janet submitted this article upon our request for her views on the dues increase recommendation as a member-at-large. She had no inside information on the subject, and we think her reasoning and thinking in regard to this matter is very clear and sound. Eds.

In Memoriam

BE IT KNOWN, that PAULINE A. STOLL went to sleep in the Army of Our Lord on June 30, 1956, and

BE IT KNOWN, that PAULINE was a member of the Dayton Dental Assistants Society, and

BE IT KNOWN, that PAULINE inspired others with her own depth of personality, Belief, and sincere friendliness.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED, that humbly we bow our heads to the Will of Almighty God and extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be published in the Dental Assistant Journal and that a copy of this Resolution, duly signed, be sent PAULINE'S family.

ELMA TROUTMAN, General Secretary
American Dental Assistants Assoc.

Views of the NEWS

By ALBERTA REED



"Two angels, so the legend ran, came to earth as day began.
One carried a basket deep and wide, the other a small one by his side.
Then spoke one of the Heavenly pair: "Oh, but this world is wondrous fair! . . .
My basket is large, I'll soon begin to gather men's thanks, and pack them in."
Sad the other, "I'll help you when I get done, I'm to gather their wants in this
little one."

Away they speed, and as darkness came, they met again but not the same. . . .
Said he with the basket wide and deep, "My heart is heavy. It makes me weep.
Look in my basket—you'll discover the Thanksgiving scarcely the bottom cover!"
"While I," said the other, "have made three trips with the wants and com-
plaints from people's lips!"
Only a legend—yes—and yet—if the angels come, what would they get?"

MILDRED M. NORTH

Do you have your thanksgiving ready for the basket of the angel? Let's count them—the food to replenish our bodies, the refreshment of sleep and rest, the beauty of sight and sound, the divinity of service to those around us, the wonder of curiosity and knowledge, the sustaining power of faith in God and the indestructible strength of prayer—these are blessings for which our thanksgivings should fill the basket to overflowing!

SECOND DISTRICT

News from New York

The First District Dental Assistants Society of New York, Inc., opened its fall session with a meeting held in the Statler Hotel in September. The pre-meeting clinic was entitled "Hints and Gadgets" and was presented by Eldora Moore and Kathleen McNamara. The guest speaker, Dr. Nathan Stowe, presented a stimulating lecture entitled "Formula for Success in the Dental Practice from the Point of View of the Dental Assistant." Sylvia Dannenbaum announced the beginning of the new Extension Study Course to be held jointly with members of the Second District Study Club. The October meeting of this society will be held in the same place and will open with a pre-meeting discussion of "New Materials" from the American Dental Assistants Associa-

tion. Guest speaker Mr. Nathan Stowe will present the second and concluding part of his lecture on "Formula for Success."

The Second District Dental Assistants Study Club extends proud congratulations to its Past President Bernadine Brekke upon her election as New York State Dental Assistants Association's president. This society will open its fall meetings in October. President Ann DeMeo has issued invitations to all members and to the families of the newly certified members to attend this meeting which will feature a capsing ceremony.

The Richmond County Dental Assistants Society met, in September, in the office of Dr. Vincent Cassavilli, Staten Island, and Dr. Cassavilli presented a lecture and practical demonstration on the subject of "Anesthesia."

The Buffalo Dental Assistants Society held a banquet meeting for the installation of its new officers and presented guest speaker Mr. Chet McCauley who spoke on "Diamonds of the Past." The Triple-Cities Dental Assistants Society opened its fall activities with a flourish when it held an Anniversary Dinner at the Hotel Frederick in Endicott, N. Y. Guest speakers at this meeting were Gertrude Carthart, 1st District Trustee, and Robina Murdoch of the First District Dental Assistants Society. Later in September this society held its Annual Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party. In October, a dinner meeting will be held again at the Hotel Frederick and a New York Telephone Company representative will present a

talk and demonstration on "Telephone Techniques." Lee M. Taras, State Reporter, is the author of this news.

THIRD DISTRICT

News from Ohio

The Northeastern Ohio Dental Assistants Society celebrated its third birthday at a dinner meeting at Hellriegels Inn, Painesville, O., when its new officers were installed with the traditional candlelight ceremony. Thelma Hockenberry, Immediate Past President, served as Installing Officer. The September meeting of this group celebrated "Bosses Night" and presented guest speaker Dr. Donald Beebe speaking on "Hypnosis." Welcome to Marilyn Skagenberg, Secretary-Treasurer and its new reporter!

The Akron Dental Assistants Society hardly takes a "breather" for its members had just enjoyed the Annual Breakfast at the home of Dr. G. A. Schuler, with Marilyn Riley and Delores Oberg in charge, and the annual visit with the members of the Stark County Dental Assistants Society in Canton when it opened its fall activities with a meeting at the Sheraton-Mayflower Hotel in Akron in August. Guest speaker at this meeting was Mr. Calvin W. Heintz and he spoke on "The Importance of Speech and How to Obtain It." Our thanks go to President-elect Ethel Prather for this report.

The Stark County Dental Assistants Society entertained the members of the Akron Dental Assistants Society at a dinner meeting held in the St. Francis Hotel. Honored guests at this meeting included Isabelle Woodward and Frances Peck, ADAA Life Members, Laura Armanini, Ohio State President-elect and Emelia Krstich, Ohio State Treasurer. The program was an informative and hilarious "Mock Trial" presented by Judge Robert Wilson, Attorney Robert Levitt and Attorney Ray Marchbank under the auspices of the Stark County Bar Association. The Annual Picnic was held at Stadium Park in Canton and featured prospective students for this society's 6th Extension study Course which opens in September. The regular September meeting will present guest speaker Dr. T. K. Reed with his lecture and demonstration on "Hypnosis."

News from Pennsylvania

The York Dental Assistants Society closed its summer activities with a meeting held at the cottage of Carol Johnson in Caldonia, Pa., and opened its fall activities with a meeting held at the home of Dr. Michael Bowser. Rosena Hildebrand is the reporter for this society.

The Philadelphia Association of Dental Assistants celebrated its 30th Birthday with a banquet with Mr. John J. Campbell, Jr., serving as Toastmaster. Honored guests at this banquet included Charter Members Helen H. Fitting, Bessie Schroeder and Ethel Cooper,

Dr. Linwood G. Grace, Director of Bureau of Dental Health, Harrisburg, Dr. Eli Edelman, President of Philadelphia Co. Dental Society, Dr. Charles Patton, ADA 3rd District Trustee, and Drs. Frank Fitzpatrick, Paul Pisator and Russell Stickler, Advisors.

The Pre-State Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Dental Assistants Association was held in September at the Old Fort Inn, Bedford Springs, Pa.

News from the District of Columbia

The District of Columbia Dental Assistants Society closed its summer program with its Annual Dinner-Dance at Hunting Towers, Arlington, Va., and the lovely candlelight service for the installation of new officers. Marcia Hankin, its new President and also 3rd District Reporter, is the author of this report.

FOURTH DISTRICT

News from Alabama

Doff your hats to the members of the Birmingham Dental Assistants & Hygienists Society who takes seriously the quest for knowledge! They do not recess for the summer. For instance, in May they heard Mrs. Raymond Orr, President of Red Oak Garden Club, speak on "Flower Arrangements and Care of Plants in the Dental Office." In June, guest speaker Dr. Joseph F. Volker presented his lecture on "The Oral Physiology of Food Stuff." In July, they listened to Edell Watson and Louise Kerns, representatives of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, speak on "Telephone Courtesy." August brought guest speaker Mr. Errante Corina, Attorney, with his lecture on "The Dental Assistant and the Law" and September was when they heard Dr. Marion F. Dick, Orthodontist, speak on "Orthodontics and the Facial Profile." Now they are looking forward to the presentation of Carol Wood, Fashion Consultant, on "Be Proud to Be You" at the October meeting. Congratulations, girls, not only upon your industry but upon your beautifully planned and prepared program!

News from Florida

Tampa is not outdone by Birmingham—they held meetings all summer, too! At the June meeting the beautiful candlelight ceremony was the scene of the installation of new officers with Marguerite Hoobler serving as Installing Officer, Dee Grant as Conducting Officer and with Gladys Holdstock presiding at the Table of Friendship. The regular July meeting presented guest clinician Myrtle Halsey, R. D. H., and her prize-winning clinic entitled "Dental-X-rays." Also in July the members of this society were guests of the St. Petersburg Dental Assistants Society at Edge-water Apartments, Clearwater Beach, for the purpose of exchanging ideas and friendships in the two societies. The Tampa girls also staged a dinner-dance, under the supervision of Dee Grant, as a part of their membership drive and to which all prospective members

were invited. The Advisory Board members, Drs. Clyde Cogswell, J. Leon Schwartz and James Holdstock and their wives were honored guests at this meeting. In August, a dinner meeting was held at the Elk's Club and presented guest speaker Mr. Buddy Franklin of the Dale Carnegie Institute with his talk on "Personality Development." Our thanks to Gloria Sams, Reporter, for this report.

More all-summer advocates are the members of the Miami District Dental Assistants Society who, in June, staged an all-day outing with emphasis on entertaining prospective mem aboard the Catamaran "Tropic Bird" with speakers. These girls are also engaged in a worthy project—contributions to the Blood Bank at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Good work, girls! The July meeting was held at Ocean Ranch and featured an important business and planning meeting following dinner.

The Florida State Dental Assistants Association meeting, held in the Sorrento Hotel, opened with a Certification Examination. Educational lectures and clinics and the Hostess Tea contributed to the success of this meeting which culminated in the Trophy Luncheon. Dr. Leonard Turner presided at the presentation of trophies and gave the Achievement Trophy to Lillian Spears, the Cooperation Trophy to Ruth Brush, the Membership Trophy to the West Palm Beach society, the Longevity Trophy to Marguerite Hoobler, the Friendship Trophy to Elizabeth Mersereau and the President's Ulaque to Louise Huntsinger. Additional awards were 1st prize for paper to William Spears, 2nd prize for paper to Betty Macy, 1st prize for clinic the Dorothy Floyd Memorial, to Gloria Wills, 2nd prize for clinic to Vivian Jones, 1st prize for poster to Florence Rude and 2nd prize for poster to Annie Lee Brentnell. Vicky Rimm is the reporter for this society.

FIFTH DISTRICT

News from West Virginia

The West Virginia State Dental Assistants Association held its 9th Annual Meeting in July at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. It presented an outstanding educational program which presented a "Workshop for the Dental Assistant" which included guest speakers Dr. James Newman of Huntington with "Everyday Problems Arising in the Office," Pat Ventura of White Sulphur Springs with "Public Relations" and Mr. Jesse Salzman of the Co-operative Dental Labs. with "The Laboratory and the Assistant." Additional lecturers and their subjects included Dr. L. T. McClure of Huntington with "Hypnodontics" and State President Peggy LaLance with "What the Day Demands." Social activities included the Reception honoring Past Presidents, the Luncheon honoring President Peggy LaLance and the Annual Banquet held with the West Virginia State Dental Association. The

popular table clinics were held in the Mural Room and presented Dorothy Oldham of Charleston with "Patients Questions: Assistants Answers," Ruth Watson of Huntington with "Habit Control Therapy" and Lillian Ashcraft of Fairmont with "Assisting in Oral Surgery." Posters were exhibited by Carolyn Baumgardner of Huntington entitled "Check-up Time," Joanna Duff of Charleston entitled "The Care and Neglect of Teeth" and Maxine Zollinger of Fairmont entitled "Armed to the Teeth." The ever-beautiful candlelight service for the installation of new officers was held in the President Tyler Room with Olive Steinbeck, 5th District Trustee, serving as Installing Officer, and Blanche Carte, Past President, as Conducting Officer. Our thanks go to Peggy LaLance for this fine report.

New from Tennessee

The 27th Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Dental Assistants Association was held in Memphis, Tenn., with the Memphis Dental Assistants Society as hostess. Educational speakers and lecturers included Dr. James Cameron of Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., Co. Joseph L. Benier of Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., Dr. Merrell C. Swenson of the University of Oregon and Dr. B. H. Kubik of Memphis, Tenn. An honored guest at this meeting was Frances Borders of Greenville, S. C., President of the South Carolina State Dental Assistants Association. Social events included the "May Day" Luncheon at the University Club at which the new officers were installed by the traditional candlelight ceremony. Ione Roberts of Memphis served as Installing Officer, Lillian Staten of Johnson City as Conducting Officer and Virginia Carpenter of Memphis and Christine Grubbs of Nashville presided at the Table of Friendship. This fine meeting closed with the Annual Dinner-Dance at the Peabody Hotel and the popular presentation of trophy awards. The Memphis Dental Assistants Society concluded its summer season with the election and installation of new officers, the distribution of its approved By-Laws and the announcement of the opening in the fall of its 2nd Extension Study Course. Blanche Carte, 5th District Reporter sends us this news.

SIXTH DISTRICT

News from Illinois

The Illinois State Dental Assistants Association Mid-Year Meeting held at the Leland Hotel, Springfield, Ill., was an educational and social success. Included in the educational features were guest speaker Mr. Ray Zepp of the J. F. Zelenko Co. with his clinic on "Investment Materials and Inlay Casting," Dr. Robert Booth who presented his talk and slides on "Maxillo-Facial Surgery" which covered work he did while in Korea, and Dr. Bert Gilbert of Springfield speaking on "Preventive Dentistry For Children." The presentation of clinics

and posters was a popular feature and clinics presented were Joanne Martensen of McLean County with "Helpful Hints," Juanita Little of Western Illinois with "Patient Education," Gladys Morehead and Luella Burnett of Western Illinois with "Entertaining the Child Patient," Gisells Danner and Edith Brown of Western Illinois with "I Was a Dental Assistant in Socialized Germany," Connie Friend of Western Illinois with "Training Manual for New Assistants," Lillian Zimdahl of Rockford with "Daily Bookkeeping for the Busy Assistant" and Mancy Burchette and Evelyn Frankenhoft of Quincy with "Hints and Hobbies." The winning clinic was presented by Juanita Little for Western Illinois and the poster award was also won by Western. Congratulations to all who participated in this fine meeting. The Springfield Dental Assistants Society served as hostess at this meeting and Laura Willard, 6th District Trustee, was an honored guest.

The Western Illinois Dental Assistants Society held a lively meeting when guest speaker Janet Lindenberg, President of the Peoria society, brought an inspiring message entitled "Opportunity" and Dr. Phil Chain of Peoria spoke engagingly on "I Have News For You." A surprise feature of the evening came when Janet Lindenberg presented the Western Illinois society with a splendid gavel engraved with the names of its past presidents. Marjorie Fowler, Past President of State, was an honored guest at this meeting. The officers of the society were then installed with Janet Lindenberg serving as Installing Officer, Juanita Little, State Publicity Chairman, serving as Conducting Officer and with Dr. Chain, Marjorie Fowler and Immediate Past President Maye Hawkins presiding at the Table of Friendship.

The Eastern Illinois Dental Assistants Society has continued its program through the summer, presenting guest speaker Dr. William Hite of Charleston with his talk on "The Importance of a Yearly Physical Examination" at the June meeting in Charleston, and then journeying to Effingham for a conducted tour through St. Anthony's Hospital in July. These girls honored their instructors in the Extension Study Course with a dinner at the Charleston Country Club. The Rock Island District Dental Assistants Society ended its summer session with the election and installation of new officers and the annual picnic held in Black Hawk State Park.

The Peoria Dental Assistants Society, under the direction of President Janet Lindenberg, volunteered for the job of contacting the professional field for the Proctor Hospital Building Drive and has done an admirable job. Its members were guests, along with prospective members, at a picnic given by Adolph Knueppel, laboratory owner.

The Quincey Dental Assistants Society closed its meetings with the annual picnic in July when members Evelyn Frankenhoft and Nancy Burchette presented their clinic entitled "Hints and Hobbies."

The Fox Valley Dental Assistants Society completed its season's activities with the installation of its new officers. Ruth Gulic served as Intalling Officer and Rosalie Bayer as Conducting Officer in the lovely candlelight ceremony.

Those education-minded members of the Rockford Dental Assistants Society are at it again! Their plans are underway for the dental education program to be carried out in the Rockford public schools and their September meeting will present guest speakers Dr. William Soule and Dr. Allen Pang of the Dental Assistants Health Education Committee and Mrs. Ethel Olson, Superintendent of the public school nurses, who will talk on their ideas and suggestions for the school health education program. We are indebted to Juanita Little for this fine report and, through her, learned that two dental assistants, Julia Netherton and Edna Holtslau, are working hard to organize a new society at Centralia, Ill. We would extend to them our encouragement and best wishes for success in their efforts.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

News from South Dakota

The South Dakota Dental Assistants Association held its 26th Annual Meeting in Huron, S. Dak., and presented a fine educational and social program. Honored guests included ADAA Treasurer Harriett Darling and ADAA 7th District Trustee LaVeta Lehn. Educational features included lectures by Miss Dona Brown, Councilor of Huron High School, on "You," Mr. James Hydahl, Social Security Administrator, on "Benefits of Social Security," Dr. J. H. Schaeffer, President of South Dakota Dental Association, with an inspiring address and LaVeta Lehn on "Symbol of the Cap." A clever skit entitled "Miss Do and Miss Don't" was presented by Audrey Javurek, Bonnie Hunt and Evelyn Boese. The Past President Advisory Council presented papers on "Principles and Accomplishments of our Association" with Sally Kleinsasser, Mayme Nelson and Lucille Hoffman speaking on the local level, Merle Andrews on the state level and Harriett Darling on the national level. Ione Powell presented a paper on "Acceptance of Assignments" and Yvonne Morneson and Mabelle Moore discussed "Responsibilities of Members." Table clinics given at this meeting included "Child Management" by Joyce Duprez, "Care and Handling of Hypodermic Equipment" by Wanda Lee Horrell, "Toothbrush—Proper Manipulation" by Evelyn Boese and "Periodic Recalls" by Ardell Wilson. The annual election and installation of officers found LaVeta Lehn serving as

Installing Officer, Harriett Darling as Conducting Officer and Merle Andrews presiding at the Table of Friendship.

The presentation of awards was carried out by Awards Chairman Dorothy Morgan who presented the Harriett Darling Achievement Award to Rachael White, the Ione Powell Clinic Trophy to Wanda Horrell for the second consecutive time, the 2nd and 3rd place clinic awards to Ardell Wilson and Evelyn Boese respectively, the Poster Award to Martha Toms and the 2nd and 3rd place poster awards of Merle Andrews and Yvonne Mortenson respectively. A highlight of the meeting was the Annual Banquet held in honor LaVeta Lehn and Dr. Ray A. Stratton. A pleasant surprise on this occasion was the presentation of a new trophy, the Dr. Ray A. Stratton Loyal Assistant Trophy, by Dr. Stratton to the State Association. It was awarded to Zella Scofield of De Smet who has worked for Dr. Scofield for 26 years. Another highlight of this state meeting was the impressive ceremony for the capping of newly certified dental assistants. Dr. L. J. Moriarity of Watertown delivered the Certification Address and State President Rachel White, ADAA 7th District Trustee LaVeta Lehn and Chairman of Clinic & Education Committee Merle Andrews presided over the capping ceremony. Those receiving caps and certificates were Wanda Lee Horrell of Vermillion, Joyce Duprez of Sioux Falls, Marlene Krejci and Nancy Ballangee of Rapid City. The latter two were capped by proxy and each candidate carried a lighted taper in a Lamp of Learning holder. The Past Presidents' Breakfast and the Luncheon honoring the newly certified assistants concluded this fine meeting. Our appreciation for this fine report goes to Merle Andrews, Publicity Chairman.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

News from Kansas

The 25th Annual Meeting of the Kansas State Dental Assistants Association held in the Kansas Hotel, Topeka, Kan., was highlighted by an address entitled "Watch Your Opportunity" and delivered by ADAA President Bessie Peterson. She also presided at the presentation of awards and presented the Achievement Trophy to Jane Cook, the first award for clinic to Lois Pearce with "Cold Cure Acrylic Technic for Pontics and Venner Crowns," second clinic award to Elaine Beasley and Joyce Hadons with "Sugar" and third clinic award to Gertrude Hoad with "The Care of White Shoes." The first poster award went to Zadah Zillner for "Hereditree," the second poster award to Melva Moden for "Life Preserver for USA Tooth" and the third poster award to Deane Campbell for "Neglect is Expensive."

NINTH DISTRICT

News from Washington

Hello, good luck and good health to a "baby" society—the Gray's Harbor Dental Assistants Society! This group, organized under the auspices of the 9th District Trustee Lois Kryger and with the tireless efforts of Dr. Gail White and Lois Kryger, has elected and installed its first officers, has affiliated with state and national associations, appointed its Advisory Council consisting of Dr. White, Dr. John Canterbury and Dr. Paul Smits, has a membership of 16 which includes the communities of Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Montesano and Elma, and is preparing its program for its first regular meeting in September. To President Mary Tinder, who sent us the news, and to this new society we wish continued enthusiasm, success and growth!

News from Idaho

Frances Badger, Secretary of the South Central Idaho Dental Assistants Society, reports on the dinner meeting and capping ceremony held in the Rogerson Hotel. State President Naomi Dopson capped the candidates in an impressive ceremony. The following meeting was held in the R. & R. Cafe, Buhl, Id., when election of new officers was held and Retiring President Ruth Boyd conducted the installation ceremony that followed.

News from Montana

Another new "baby"—the Montana State Dental Assistants Association held its organizational meeting in Helena and 9th District Trustee Lois Kryger of Seattle, Wash., was on hand to aid in the organization and election of officers and officiated at the installation of the new officers. This new state association has two components, Butte and Billings, and will be welcoming a third, Helena, in September so we all send warm greetings and best wishes for growth and success to the girls in Montana! Eris J. Bridges, Secretary-Treasurer of the new state association, sent us this happy news.

TENTH DISTRICT

News from Arizona

The Arizona State Dental Assistants Association held its 6th Annual Meeting at the Santa Rita Hotel in Tucson, Ariz., and presented an outstanding program of educational features. Guest speaker Dr. Geo. C. Paffenberger spoke on "How to Prepare Filling Materials" and showed a film covering the many tests each product goes through before earning approval of the ADA National Bureau of Standards. ADAA 1st Vice President Magdalene Kulstad presented an inspiring message entitled "Opportunity" and conferences were conducted by ADAA 2nd Vice President Joy Phillips on "Parliamentary Procedure" and by ADAA 10th District Trustee Marion Small on "Why Certification?" When award presentation time rolled around, it was found

that Myrl Hand of Tempe won the clinic award, Pauline Stokoe of Phoenix the poster award, Katherine Burgess of Tucson the paper award, Joan Keisel of Tucson the Browning Achievement Award and the Loyalty Award was won by Joy Phillips of Phoenix. The new Medical & Dental Clinic Award for the society presenting the most clinics was won jointly by the Tucson and Phoenix societies. The members of the Tucson society served as gracious hostesses at this meeting. An Honorary Membership was bestowed upon Mr. Joe E. Ratner of the Mizzy Co. for his unstinting contributions to dental assisting in Arizona and throughout the country and special recognition was accorded Mr. Dave Clark for recording the highlights of the meeting on movie film. Laura Jordan, Secretary-Treasurer, is the source of this news.

The Tucson Dental Assistants Society has closed its summer activities with the election and installation of its new officers, with Marion Small serving as Installing Officer and Katherine Burgess as Conducting Officer. The final meeting presented a cosmetologist from the Merle Norman Beauty Salon with a talk and demonstration on "Good Beauty Care." Congratulations are in order for member Lucille Wallen for completing the ADAA Approved Correspondence Course. The Phoenix Dental Assistants Society opened its fall season in September with the Annual Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party followed by an impressive capping ceremony for newly certified members. Those receiving caps and certificates were Poky Clark, Myrl Hand, Ann Badolato, Pauline Stokoe, Pat Warren, Dorothy Aycock and Del Hermanson. Honored guest at this meeting was State President Billie Ruth Noack who was presented a handsome gavel. Our thanks to Phoenix Reporter Helen Moore for this report.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

News from California

The summer season of the Fresno Dental Assistants Society closed with a meeting at the home of Dr. John Schaaf at which time the newly revised By-Laws were accepted and plans for helping the Nutritional Home, this society's project, were made. Dora de La Laing is the Reporter for this group.

The San Francisco Dental Assistants Society is proud, and rightly so, of member Mary Jean Vail who received the Juliette A. Southard Memorial Trophy for her outstanding clinic on "Root Canal Therapy." Mary Jean is assistant at the Presidio Post Dental Clinic to Capt. Norman Edwards and received high praise from Col. Clare T. Budge, Post Dental Surgeon, for her achievement. Congratulations and best wishes, Mary Jean, and thank you, M. Hutchinson, for sharing this news with us.

The Marin County Dental Assistants Society held its first meeting in September at the home of Winifred McMahon, its Reporter and author of this report. Guest speaker was Dr. Loren who presented a talk entitled "Snyder Test—Diet and Nutrition." Appreciation was expressed to Dr. John Janschecki, the society's coordinating dentist, for his faithful and untiring efforts.

News from Hawaii

Aloha to new Publicity Chairman Beatrice Bernades and welcome to our "family"! And Aloha to our old friend Annie Kerr, too! The July meeting of the Honolulu County Dental Assistants Society was held at the lovely home of President Sybil Baptist and took the form of a celebration honoring the certified members of the society. Honored guests at this meeting included Anita Stuewe from Orange County, Los Angeles, Dr. J. Fretis, Advisor to the society, and Mrs. Fretis, Dr. J. Dow, former Advisor, and Mrs. E. Kake. Annie Kerr and her musical trouvers entertained beautifully with Hawaiian dancing and singing. And Beatrice closes her report with "Mahalo (thank you) and Aloha!" Thank you, Beatrice.

In Memoriam

We extend our deepest sympathy to our President-elect, Mary Francis Dutton, on the loss of her father, June 29, 1956. May the words of Anna Letitia Barbauld bring thoughts of consolation to Mary Francis.

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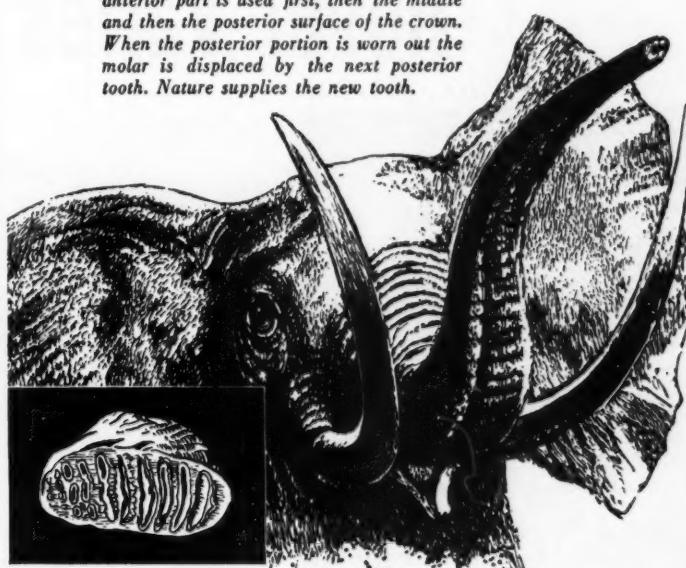
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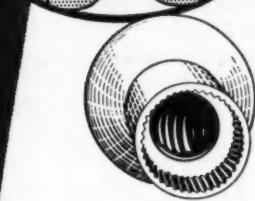


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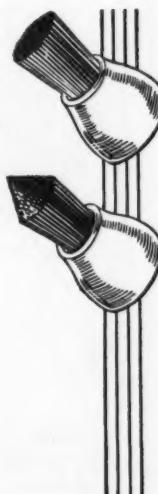
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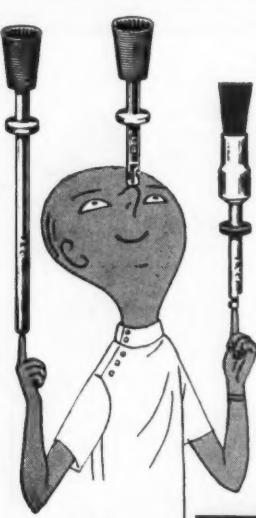
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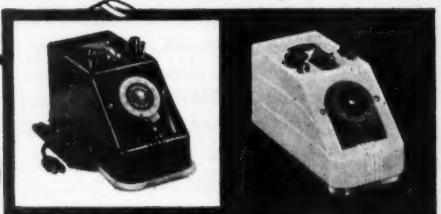


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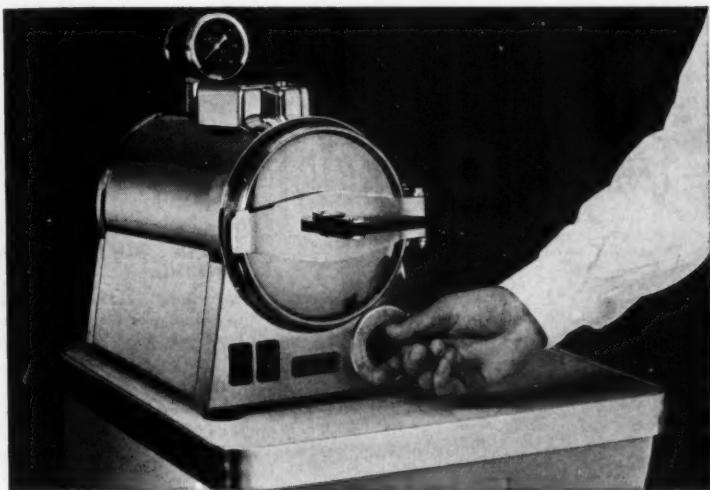
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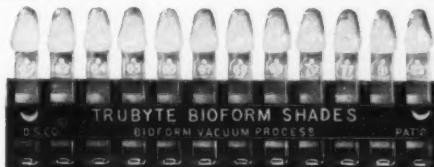
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